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WORKERS RENDERED JOBLESS DUE TO CLOSURE OF FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge number of factories have been closed and crores of workers rendered jobless as a result of the new economic policy;

(b) if so, the details indicating the exact number of such workers in this regard as on date;

(c) the steps taken to protect the interests of workers in this phase of economic liberalisation;

(d) whether the labour laws aimed at imparting justice to the workers are to be made more stringent and effective; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Since 1992, 2073 units have been closed down and 1.49 lakh workers have been affected.

(c) to (e): Safeguards are provided under various labour legislations to protect the interests of the workers. However, review and updation of these laws is a continuous process. Amendments in the Trade Union Act, 1926 and the Workmen`s Compensation Act, 1923 were carried out recently.